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NEW GOV. TAKES OFFICE SATURDAY

After six years of continuous service as Governor of Michigan, Alex J. Groesbeck will, on January 1st, step down from that lofty position to make room for his successor, Fred W. Green of Ionia. Mr. Groesbeck has an established law practice in Detroit and will, no doubt, resume active duties in that profession.

Mr. Green will bring a changed atmosphere to Lansing. Gov. Groesbeck is a bachelor and as such Michigan society lacked the social leadership of a "first lady." Governor Green will bring to Lansing a most charming and interesting family, and there is going to be a greater interest in women's affairs in Michigan than there has been in at least six years.

There will be other changes, too. Commissioner Baird is slated to be fired by the new governor, according to campaign promises, within three minutes after the latter assumes authority; and Baird promises to resign in less than that time. Now it remains to be seen whether or not Baird was only bluffing, and if so, whether or not Mr. Green will carry out his campaign promise. It would appear that there is strong influence being brought to bear upon Mr. Green to retain Mr. Baird on the conservation commission. If our new governor lives up to the principles he has been advocating, then he will eliminate professional politicians, and if John Baird isn't a professional in the game of politics, then we don't know where else to look for one.

It would seem to the average citizen who keeps his thumb upon the trend of the affairs of this state that Gov. Groesbeck had every provocation to ask Mr. Baird to resign following the revelations over the "Hiram Johnson of Milwaukee" affair. And also during the primary campaign last summer Mr. Baird apparently tried to besmirch the reputation of ex-Congressman Fordney by certain claims which, when corrected, Mr. Baird admitted that they had nothing to do with this year's campaign. The sportsmen of Crawford county too appear to be dissatisfied with the way Mr. Baird managed some of our fishing regulations. Anyway, we hope Mr. Baird will either resign or be fired, for we believe he is not generally wanted. Who will be his successor has not yet been announced; but we have no fears but that it will be someone big enough for the job and who will forget policies in the conducting of the state's affairs.

We have the utmost faith in Mr. Green and predict that he is to become one of Michigan's most famous governors. In behalf of the people of Crawford county we extend to him a most cordial welcome.

After 10 o'clock next Saturday the address will be Governor Fred W. Green, Capitol building, Lansing.

January 1st of each odd year usually sees a number of changes in county officials and consequent new tenants in some of the county offices. There will be but one change in the court house this time, and that is in the clerk's office. For ten years Frank Sales has held the office of clerk in a most capable manner. He entered upon the work of clerkship without any knowledge of its duties and made good. Of course it took time to become familiar with the affairs of the county, just as it is going to do in the case of Mr. Sale's successor—Charles Gierke, but he did it. And so when Mr. Gierke assumes the duties of that office it will be without having had

that old fashioned instrument of torture which women were, armor-plated masquerading under the name of corset, has gone into the discard. Women know that they were painful, and scientific men affirm them to have been injurious to women as individuals, and as potential mothers. They meant flabby muscles and misplaced organs. It is well then that the corset is out of fashion.

In the matter of shoes times have changed. A woman today confesses openly to a size—a seven or an eight shoe. She is comfortable so she cares not what the size of her feet. She likes her low heels too. Nature never designed the internal feminine economy for the tip tilting that results when a woman's heel is raised.

The low neck is another innovation that has called forth strictures from moralists and sometimes from mistaken health zealots. But let us apply the standard of judgment. Which is more healthful the high choker collar of a by-gone day, which cut off circulation, produced headache and eye-strain, and was wretchedly uncomfortable, or the low neck which makes for beauty of contour, for comfort, for greater exposure to the health giving rays of the sun, and increased resistance to disease?

Judged by this, the one reasonable standard which can be applied to the issue, the styles of today are indefinitely more beautiful than the styles of yesterday. Because of this, one cannot repress the hope that for the sake of mothers and their children the prevailing styles will long prevail.

FORMER BAND LEADER REMEMBERED BY THE GRAYLING BANDSMEN

Gaylord, Dec. 28, 1926.

To The Members of
The Citizens' Band:
I wish to thank you for the beautiful gift presented to me by the manager.

Your Friend and past Director,
Ed. G. Clark.

A Pennsylvania man in a fit of dependency committed suicide in a taxi the other evening. That's what comes of watching the taximeter.

T. W. HANSON
Lumber and Building Material
Phone 622

any previous training. Of course he won't be expected to know as much about the routine of the office as he might after many years of experience, nor does anyone expect him to, for that would be unreasonable. All county affairs are now under a universal accounting system, and with the assistance and information from the part of the prosecuting attorney and other officers that has been offered the incoming clerk, there is not going to be any noticeable setback in the county.

Mr. Sales says that he has not yet decided just what he will do in the future, but will, however, continue in the coal business.

Mr.

F. & A. M. LODGE
INSTALLS OFFICERS

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. held their annual installation of officers Monday night, Dec. 27th, and are as follows:

W. M.—H. G. Jarmin. (Re-elected)
S. W.—C. D. Straehly.
J. W.—C. W. Peterson.
Treas.—R. D. Conning. (Re-elected)
Secy.—A. B. Failing.
S. D.—Clark N. Yost. (Re-elected)
J. L.—Oscar Swanson. (Re-elected)
Stewards—A. L. Roberts, D. Weir.
Tyler—W. W. Lewis.

Health Talk

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

How you regard woman's present day fashion in dress all depends upon your point of view and the nature of your criterion. There is one criterion which is the reasonable basis for all judgment in the matter, does the prevailing style in woman's dress render her a healthier, happier woman, and does it make her potentially or actually a healthier, happier mother?

With this single criterion in mind we can judge each item of woman's garb, and decide with reason and truthfully that it is good or bad. The short skirt shall first be brought to the bar of judgment. It goes without argument that a heavy skirt puts strain on shoulders and waists, and that the heavy skirt is the long skirt.

The short skirt is light and therefore healthy. The short skirt means less dragging through mud and snow, less accumulated dampness, and fewer germs brought in from the street where hubbies and children play. The verdict is unanimous to the short skirt.

With the departure of the long heavy skirt and its heavy lining have gone numerous petticoats that were its accompaniment. Lighter throughout are women's clothes, giving her added grace and freedom of movement and giving her muscles opportunity for normal development.

Whether or not the lighter garments of today increase women's susceptibility to cold and other respiratory difficulties has been hotly debated. Regardless of styles of dress, the insurance companies continue to rejoice over the increased expectation of life for both men and women, and make no specifications in regard to clothing when insuring women. The death rate from tuberculosis continues to go down. Because of the greater amount of fatty tissue which she possesses women are less susceptible to changes of temperature than are men, and more resistant to both heat and cold. Lighter garments then, would make less difference for her in this respect.

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OSCAR P. SCHUMANN, Editor and Proprietor

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POPULAR ENTERTAINER HERE JAN. 6

NED WOODMAN, CARTOONIST

However familiar you may be with the work of Ned Woodman in the newspapers, humorous publications and trade periodicals of the country, you know little about him until you have seen and heard him as an entertainer.

Woodman's humor is of such a character that the printing press can only show you a small part of it.

You could listen to his remarks, stories, dialect readings and verses, even if you were blindfolded, and be

entertained.

Frank Corwin has bought the 80 acre farm of T. Odell on section 33, this township.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartwick of Jackson were among the Christmas guests in town last week.

Rev. Bekker and family were glad

to come at Christmas time by the home coming of both the boys.

J. Leece and E. Sparks are the new

stewards of Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M. and R. P. Forbes are Tyler.

Born—On Christmas eve, to Mr.

and Mrs. Wm. Fallor, a son, and to

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingerson, a grand-

son.

Mrs. Ella McIntyre was glad to

welcome her brother, Mr. Isaac John-

son of Oakley for a holiday visit last

week.

Miss Josie Jones came home from

Saginaw Tuesday of last week for a

visit with her parents and friends

during the holidays.

H. Schreiber Jr. of South Branch

was in town last Friday. He is get-

ting ready to make final proof on his

homestead.

J. H. Redhead was in town the last

of the week. His sawmill in 26-1, is

running, and he will be cutting

trees this week.

J. J. Neiderer is building an exten-

sive addition to his ice house. He

is must be anticipating a hot time in

the old town next summer.

We are pleased to note that Miss

Ella Coventry has accepted the positi-

n in our school made vacant by the

resignation of Miss Coates.

John Ginnbaugh of Lyons came up

the first of the week with two fine

teams for his son, Chas. Ginnbaugh,

for use in his camp west of Portage

lake.

Miss May Blanshan came home

from her school at Houghton Lake

last Friday, closing a successful term.

The board have offered her another

term, which she may accept.

Chas. Kelley made a business trip

to Pinconning last week.

Mrs. C. Wilcox has purchased lots

of Mrs. Siewell, and will build in the

spring.

J. Charlefour, the slab sawyer,

lost the end of his thumb last Satur-

day.

Chas. Dyer is visiting his sister,

Miss Charhart.

Judge Items

Mr. Sam Poyce spent Christmas in

Grayling.

J. R. Kilbourne went to Bay City

for his Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Douglas spent

New Years in Grayling.

Mr. Gus Iredhead has gone into the

shingle business in these parts. We

hope he will make a success of his

venture.

Mrs. Jos. Davis is in Detroit under-

going medical treatment. It is hoped

that she will be able to return to

her home soon.

Mrs. Jos. Sims is now handling the

mail for the patrons of Judge P. O.

There are none more capable of doing

so. Mrs. Judge has resigned.

F. E. Douglas and wife and Chas.

Douglas and family spent Christmas

at Mr. Joseph Douglas' home in

Lovells, where Mrs. Douglas had a

well laden Christmas tree in the even-

ing. Mr. Douglas played Santa

Claus, and all were well remembered.

The young people enjoyed a few

hours dancing at the home of Mrs.

Sims, after the presents were dis-

tributed. All report a very enjoyable

time.



Our best wishes for your success and happiness

Let us all pull together for a bigger and better Grayling so we can truthfully say we are the heart of this wonderful section of Michigan.

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C. W. OLSEN PROP
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O. P. SCHUMANN, Editor.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

A GREAT BLESSING

Those who listen nightly to the wonderful concerts given by radio from New York City and many other large cities in the United States must concede that the radio is one of the greatest discoveries in the recent years. To sit comfortably in an easy chair in the warmth of one's own home and listen to programs by some of the world's greatest artists is certainly the height of real comfort and luxury. Do we appreciate the times in which we live or do we accept some of the present conveniences as those of the commonplace? Even the most isolated farm home may have its radio and is no longer shut off from the outside world. They may hear the latest in song, plays and news—just as readily as those who live in the thickly settled communities. It is a great blessing. Statistics show that one out of every six farmers in the country now has a radio set and a good one.

NORMAL BUSINESS FOR 1927 IS SEEN BY C. W. NASH

That nothing exists in the general business condition of the country today which should cause us to feel we are not entitled to expect a normal business for the year 1927" is the opinion of C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motors Company, and looked upon as a spokesman for the automobile industry.

"While it is a fact," said Mr. Nash, "that the cotton crop was 'too good' this year, making the price too low, and that early frost damaged some of the corn crop, and in the north-west wet weather damaged wheat to some extent, yet I believe we will emerge from these difficulties and find ourselves in a rather healthy position."

"I feel that we will not be confronted with too much political turmoil next year and I am of the opinion that if business men as a whole take a sane view of conditions and operate their various businesses along sane and economical lines, we are bound to have a very satisfactory year."

"We should not be overlooked that the balance of the world is getting into a little better position to buy more goods from America than have been bought in the past few years."

"I am very hopeful that labor will recognize the important part it has played in the affairs of our nation and will go along in the same manner it has been following for some time past. This also would have a great bearing on general conditions of 1927."

"So far as the automobile industry in particular is concerned, I feel that its outlook is safe and sound. However, I believe it to be a fact that the automobile business will be done by fewer manufacturing companies in the future than in the past, but that automobiles will be made in large numbers and they will be made better each year. In this connection, I don't see anything particularly hazardous about the financing of automobiles for the retail buyer when financed on a proper basis."

ONLY CREDIT ASKED

If a newspaper should publish current gossip, or hints and allusions of the best society in the community it would be ostracised and the editor horsewhipped or burned at the stake. Think a minute of the mean and low things you say about your townsmen and your neighbors and imagine how it would look in print. Don't criticise the newspapers for what they print, but give them great credit for what they don't print. A newspaper that contained one-half the nonsense current among the best citizens would be considered unfit to read! Honest!

A New Jersey mother recently spanked her fifteen-year-old daughter who had run away to get married and then forgave her. It would appear in this case that the spankings should have begun earlier.

Local News

Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird. If O. F. Barnes of Lansing was in Grayling on business Wednesday.

Miss Genevieve Montour expects to spend the New Year's holidays in Bay City.

Mrs. Elsie Pettit and son John are spending the week in Detroit and River Rouge.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and children are spending the holidays in Bay City with relatives.

Howard Herrick of Flint visited over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick.

Oscar Taylor and son Charles visited over Christmas with his son and daughters who reside in Detroit.

Collen's Hill at Lake Margrethe is being enjoyed during the holiday season with skiing and tobogganing parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney of Gaylord spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Miss Besse Brown is spending the holidays in Caro, a guest of the Thomas Trudo and Alva Roberts families.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarmian entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hawthorne of Bay City over the yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown spent Christmas in Bay City with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frahm Woodruff.

Mr. L. H. Chamberlin spent Christmas in Detroit visiting Mrs. Chamberlin and his son and daughters, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson and children visited over Christmas with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struble of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthiesen enjoyed a visit over Christmas from Mrs. Jane Franklin and Thomas Robert of Manistique.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivraia left last week to spend a couple months with their children, who reside in Detroit, Flint and Bay City.

Mrs. Chas. Woodberry and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City arrived Wednesday to spend New Years at the home of Joseph McLeod.

Try out Willard batteries when in need of one. Use our garage for your battery storage this winter.

Miss Anna Nelson returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday night after spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Misses Ingoborg and Agnes Hanson were home from Detroit for Christmas visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Miss Janet Matson, who is employed by the Western Union in Detroit, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efner Matson.

Mrs. Owen Cameron is leaving tomorrow for Bay City for a few days visit before going to Cadillac, where she will enter the St. Mary's hospital training school for nurses.

Big crowds are gathering to enjoy the lyceum course this year. The next popular number appears here Jan. 10th, in the person of Ned Woodward. Come early if you want a good seat.

Mrs. William Heric entertained a few friends at cards Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Karnes, Mrs. Edward King and Mrs. Ollie Cody, who were visiting here. Lunch was enjoyed after the games.

Edgar and Clyde Dyer, who have been employed in Detroit, arrived to spend Christmas with relatives and expect to remain here indefinitely. They are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Clifford Chappell and Mrs. Rex Shappell.

Little Jack Hull was slightly injured early last evening when he was struck by a fender of the truck driven by George Corwin, at the corner of Cedar street and Michigan avenue. Luckily George was not going fast, or the lad might have been severely hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen and children of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. William Pobur and daughters and Peter Petersen of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and family of Grand Blanc visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson had as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and son Ralph Jr., Miss Helen Jorgenson and Mr. Chas. Smith, all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson of Flint, and Roy Culham of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and son, Messrs. Chas. Smith and Roy Culham returned to their homes Monday, while the other guests will remain to spend New Years at the Jorgenson home.

John Heric and his crew of men have moved to a camp near Lewiston. Lewis Stillwagon was in Detroit a few days last week.

Mrs. Carlo Shores was in Grayling a few days doing her Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Ray Beck is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Youngs.

William Paige is staying on the farm of Mike Lux during his absence. The Christmas tree of the Lovells school was enjoyed by all Friday night. A lovely program was given by the school children. Santa Claus was there, as usual, giving out gifts.

John Surday was in Grayling last week.

Ruth and Martha Stillwagon came home to spend Christmas.

James Husted of West Branch spent Christmas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Douglas.

Mrs. Lois Papenfus and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duby.

If anyone found a present among them from the Christmas tree with Mrs. Simms' name on it, will they please return it to the rightful owner?

The parties in Ford coupe who entered my cottage at Higgins lake are known and will be prosecuted if the offense is repeated.

Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

NOTICE

The Chinese are said to be baut to lay their troubles before the league council, which is just another way of giving in to Great Britain, France and Italy.

What has become of the old-fashioned housewife who used to knit a few pairs of socks for Christmas?

To get the most out of life

You Must Help the Other Fellow Live

Especially is this time-proved axiom true in Community life

If you would grow and prosper, a definite and appreciable part of your efforts must be expended in making this Community a better place in which to live.

Then, and only then, will the Community life be able to hold the young folks here, and attract from the outside desired industries and peoples, thus placing us on a basis of sound prosperity and growth.

Grayling Board of Trade

W. W. Lewis C. J. McNamara B. E. Smith
President Vice-President Sec. Treas.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LOST—BACK BUMPER FOR Auto, between Grayling and Feldhauser schoolhouse. Finder please notify T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

APARTMENT FOR RENT STEAM heated, bath and modern. Inquire of Mrs. Daisy Kraus at hardware store. Phone 1222.

RELIABLE YOUNG MAN WISHES Work—Odd jobs or any other work. Leave word at William Brado's, Chestnut St., one block east of hospital.

BUICK COUPE FOR SALE—GOOD buy. Inquire at Avalanche office.

GOOSE OIL WANTED—HIGHEST market price paid. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

HOUSE FOR RENT—ONE BLOCK from Grayling high school. Newly painted and redecorated on inside. New garage. Phone 1191.

STRAYED—TO THE B. J. CALLAHAN home, a small hound, color black, white and tan. Inquire at Avalanche office.

LOST—SOMEWHERE ON Main St., Kettaiinger with one key. Name, Kerry & Hanson stamped on outside of case. Reward offered. Leave at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Collie and Airedale-puppies, 10 weeks old. Call phone 1081.

FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot machine. A bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND pup strayed from hunting party, Dec. 12, 3 1/4 miles north of Grayling near M-14. Finder please notify C. R. Adams. Reward offered.

The school children are enjoying the holiday vacation.

TIMBER WANTED—WE ARE now paying increased prices for box bolts. Write us for prices. Haveron Lumber & Salt Co., Bay City, Mich. 12-15-3

FOR SALE—B-FLAT CORNET. Harold McNeven, at Nick Schotz grocery or Burke Apts.

STRAYED—TWO HORSES TO THE Hansen State Military Reservation. Owner may have same on proof of ownership and payment of costs. 12-9-6 LEROY PEARSON, Quartermaster General.

WANTED—CLEAN COTTON Rags. Avalanche Office.

Which do You Want?

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Judging from the way the Democrats are starting senatorial investigations, one is apt to get the impression that only the Republicans are sharing in this present-day prosperity.

hAPPY new YEAR

T THAT YOU May Have a Prosperous Year Is Our Sincere Wish

On the People of Grayling:

Just a few lines at the closing of the old year to wish you a Happy New Year.

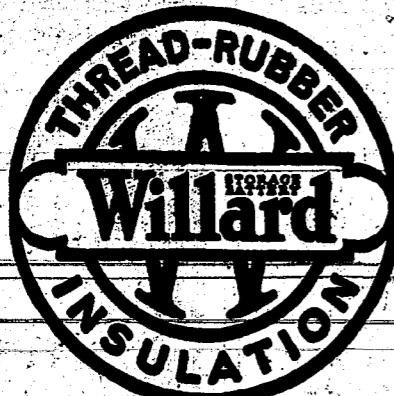
We appreciate very much your patronage for 1926 and hope for a continuance during 1927.

May your every expectation be fulfilled during the year just dawning is our wish for you and yours.

Very truly yours,

Grayling Greenhouses

R. PETERSON, Prop.



When you need a new battery for your car or radio, don't forget we carry a full line of the well known

Willard Batteries

and our prices are right. We can also save you some money on

Battery Repairing

When it is time to lay the car up for the winter, bear in mind that we also have

Winter Battery Storage

and will call for your battery any time.

Alfred Hanson Service Station

Phone 1514

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

Quite a Crop

Ira C. Marshall of Dola, Hardin county, Ohio, is champion corn grower of the world. This year he grew 1,686.8 bushels of shelled corn on ten acres, which is at the rate of over 168 bushels of shelled corn per acre. He is very careful to use only choice seed corn. Although his land is naturally very rich he puts manure on a legume sod and plows it under, then put on 200 pounds of fertilizer out of a bag (commercial fertilizer). Then he puts some more commercial fertilizer by the side of the hill when the corn is three inches high.

Look at the yield he got—1,686 bushels of shelled corn from 10 acres! He thinks it pays to do as he did.

You can't get something from nothing in the farming game.

There's Money in Soil Improvement

Each farmer should be saving up this winter to buy some lime and some fertilizer in the spring. Each should begin early to save, in order to be ready for his lime and fertilizer early in the spring.

Lime and Acid Phosphate

Not many people around here argue against lime. It is too well known to be what we need.

The next step is to get to plowing under more legume green manure crops, and then to sow some commercial fertilizer on top. Then we will get yields of potatoes, oats, hay and corn that are worth a man's time, taxes and use of his land.

This commercial fertilizer with most of us should be acid phosphate of which we have used several cars here!

Most of the soils in this region are lacking in the phosphorous that is

found in acid phosphate, so we have to put it there ourselves.

Acid phosphate, fortunately, is the cheapest of the fertilizers. Our farmers have found that it pays to use it.

Your county agent uses lots of it on his farm.

We will certainly see its use increase in Crawford county.

The next step better than acid phosphate is to use a 2-16-8 fertilizer, when starting alfalfa. These figures mean 2 parts nitrogen, 16 parts acid phosphate and 8 parts of potash.

They mean that we have put 2 parts of nitrogen and 8 parts of potash with

the acid phosphate that we have been using, for the 16 stands for the acid phosphate.

Bear down heavily on acid phosphate and save up to get it in the spring.

Acid phosphate excels in keeping stable clean, also makes manure a better fertilizer and conserves liquid portions.

Dairy farmers, in particular, and livestock farmers, in general, are realizing more and more the advantage of having clean, healthful, and agreeable smelling stables.

The acid phosphate, they find, takes up moisture and sweetens the stable equally as well as lime, and instead of lowering the value of

manure, re-enforces or improves it. Farmers who follow this practice use from 1 to 3 pounds of acid phosphate per cow per day.

The Eye of The Master Fattens His Cattle

"There is an old German adage which says: 'The eye of the master fattens his cattle.' The meaning of this adage is that the herdsman must

understand his cattle."

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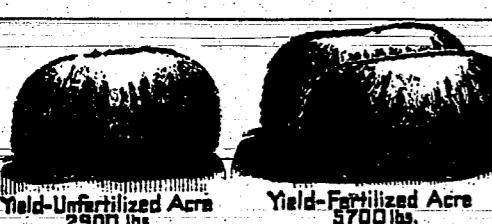
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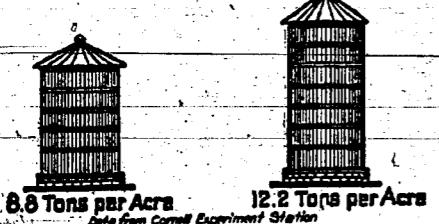
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FERTILIZERS SAVE FEED BILLS

More Hay Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



More Silage Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



LESS FEED TO BUY

Michigan Happenings

watch and study the needs of his cattle if he is to know how to make them grow fat. It is equally true that the eye of the farmer makes his crops grow. In other words, the farmer must study his soil and his crops if he wants to raise large and profitable yields.

If a farmer wishes to grow maximum yields and do it economically, it is necessary that he becomes acquainted with the factors that affect plant growth, and then find out which ones are deficient in his soil and propose to correct them. Untold millions of dollars in time, labor and materials are wasted each year because many people who raise crops do not understand the factors that affect the yields.

"The soil is a complicated machine. To make this machine operate economically to capacity, that is, produce large crops, is the business of the farmer. To operate this business successfully, it is necessary that the farmer study his machine and attend to its needs—in other words, "The eye of the farmer makes his crops grow." From radio talk over Station WLS by Prof. Emil Truog, University of Wisconsin.

See the Picture

Just look several times at the picture below. It certainly tells the truth.

Your county agent is trying to give our farmers the right idea on this fertility business, so that we all can grow bigger yields per acre, feed more stock to bring in money and cut down feed bills.

Here is the picture:

MORE MELON-CUTTING

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

For several weeks past the New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc., has taken the position that the present is an investors market, and has pointed out as worth purchasing stocks of corporations having a good record of earnings over a period of years, sound capital position, wide margin of earnings over dividend disbursements, a good yield in consideration of the market price and dividend, and with the asset value of the shares well above the market price. Many of our clients took this advice and as a reward have participated handsomely in the extra cash and stock distributions which recently have been the vogue among the better class of industrial units.

The same advice holds good now. All the worth while authorities look forward for another year of successful business. Industry is optimistic. It is free from fear. Consequently, the melon-cutting has only just begun. All during the fore part of 1927 there will be dividend increases and stock split-ups. The opportunities for investors lie in purchasing outright or nearly so such stocks as are likely to make such extraordinary rewards.

Quite naturally, preceding such increases or extras, the particular stocks will advance in market price, and this is an adjunct not to be despised.

As a helpful hint to our friends we will mention here only a few of the opportunities for profitable purchases. American Steel Foundries, a highly regarded stock with increasing earnings and a trend towards higher rating. Consolidated Gas of New York, with well secured dividends, yielding around 6 per cent with an extra distribution imminent. Union Pacific, which is bulging with assets and cash. Texas Company, which is almost certain to increase its dividends in the near future. Low's Inc., earning its dividend nearly three times over. Packard Motors, conspicuous among the motors and showing rapid growth of net profits. Cuba Company, Northern Pacific, Maryland Oil, Phillips Petroleum, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, Cuban American Sugar and Erie preferred.

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The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1926, shows that in factories and workshops there were employed 75,051 males, 22,311 females, a total of 97,362 average daily wage of males, \$6.02; of females, \$3.40 in factories and workshops in stores the number of employees was 34,457, and their average daily wages, \$5.21; number of female employees, 30,471, average daily wage, \$3.18. The average wages of males in all industries of the state was \$5.98; average wages of females, \$3.25.

Snow removal from the streets of Traverse City is altogether too efficient for the draymen, it was revealed in a petition to the city commissioners by haulers of freight who use sleighs. City plows have been doing such a good job this winter that long stretches of the main streets are bare, the petition points out, making it impossible for the sleighs to travel. Another similar plea has come from farmers of the region, who live off the state trunk lines, who therefore, are compelled to use sleighs to reach the highways covered by state plows.

To bag a wild goose in Michigan is a feat which entitles the lucky nimrod to maintain an air of arrogance and aristocracy throughout all of a cold winter. But to bag five geese out of one flock puts the happy gunner in a class of exclusive lonesomeness. Among the lucky few who, however, have succeeded in a limit bag on geese this season is M. E. Davenport of Grand Rapids. Davenport's five birds were lesser snow geese which are smaller than Canada's but which wild fowl hunters count more delicately flavored.

Michigan is the third state in the union in the production of furniture and the second in number of workers thus employed and wages paid, the department of commerce announced recently. The ranking, as shown by 1925 production is as follows: New York, \$15,826,177; Illinois, \$10,230; 867; Michigan, \$9,130,108; Indiana, \$9,687,630; Wisconsin, \$5,915,692; Pennsylvania, \$5,607,048; North Carolina, \$5,208,758; Ohio, \$4,758,668; California, \$3,726,511; and Massachusetts, \$3,638,537.

Henry "Tom" Stephens, millionaire banker, lumberman and traveler, and president of the First National Bank of Mt. Clemens, sends word from the Pacific Coast that he has acquired one of the rare silver dollars of the 1864 coinage, which is quoted at a premium of \$1,000. Only four silver dollars of that issue were coined.

One was lost when a noted Turkish wrestler drowned during an ocean trip; one is owned by Rizad Bey, the shah of Persia, and the other by a Philadelphia man.

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LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing antiseptic which helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

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Subscribe for the Avalanche



We extend to you our best wishes for the New Year and hoping that success and happiness may be yours.

We appreciate sincerely the confidence you have placed in us during the past year and trust that we merit your continued patronage in the future.

Grayling Electric Co.

PHONE 292

Our New Year's Greeting

MAY Every Day of Your New Year Be a Happy One

In grateful appreciation of your goodwill we wish you all the joys of the Season.

1927



This messenger of good will is to thank you for the many favors you have shown us in the past and to extend to you and yours the fond hope that the New Year may be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

Mac & Gidley

PHONE 18 THE REXALL STORE

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

Carl Sorenson was in Bay City

Wednesday on business.

Remember, there is a difference in

Bread—Blue Bird.

Mrs. Edward McCracken of Fred-

eric called on Grayling friends Wed-

nesday.

Mrs. William Fairbotham is enjoy-

ing the pleasures of a new Easy

wisher.

Fred Lamm of Monroe was a

Christmas guest in the home of Mrs.

Celia Granger.

Save your goose oil. We pay high-

est market prices for it. Mac & Gid-

ley Drugists.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deckrow spent

Christmas with relatives in Bay City

returning this week.

Arthur Parker and family have

moved from the old Pomeroy place to

the dwelling over the Grayling cream

ery.

Miss Camilla Hum left Friday to

Electric appliances are modern spend Christmas in Detroit visiting

and appropriate gifts. See them on her sister, Miss Emma and her friend,

display at Grayling Electric show.

Miss Alice Rourier, expecting to re-

turn the last of the week.

Ned Woodman is funny. You will

laugh at him and with him if you see

in the Christianity school at Lam-

and hear him in his program at the sing

for the Michelson Memorial church next

the holiday vacation, the guest of her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Hurrah for the Biggest Event
of the Year

Barn Dance

and Frolic

Thursday Evening, Jan. 6th

9:00 p. m. Temple Theatre

DIRECTION OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY THOMAS

GIRLS—WEAR YOUR GINGHAM APRONS AND BONNETS

BOYS—PUT ON YOUR OVERALLS AND BIG STRAW HATS

BLOCK CONTEST—BALLOON DANCE

SERPENTINE CONFETTI—MOONLIGHT DANCES

GRAND PRIZE—For the Most Comical Dressed RUBE COUPLE.

Special Dancing Feature by Miss Anita Thomas

COUPLES, \$1.00; EXTRA LADY, 50c; BALCONY, 35c

FUN GALORE
Pumpkin Pie and Coffee

Petersen's Grocery

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

New Year Time
1927

To Our Friends:

We are not unmindful of the pleasant relationship that has existed between us. We thank you for the opportunities we have enjoyed of serving you and shall earnestly strive to deserve your increasing confidence in the future.

In the spirit of this season of Good Will, we extend Greetings, and wish for you and yours a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
H. Petersen.

Petersen's Grocery

Buy World's Star Hosiery and "Kleen Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Come on to the Barn Dance, all you old time hoopers, for we're going to introduce a few good old fashioned dances, Temple Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Harold and Frank Schmidt, who are employed in Detroit, are spending the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gothro having as their guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thurston and little daughter Jane of Perry, Mich. Mrs. Thurston is the daughter of Mrs. Gothro.

The county board of supervisors will open the regular annual January session next week Tuesday. This is a week earlier than usual in order to not interfere with the circuit court, which will convene January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Rasmussen visited over Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jens Jorgenson and son Axel of Detroit. Peter F. Jorgenson acted as village night marshal during Mr. Rasmussen's absence.

George VanPatten of the "Try It" cafe left Friday night for Detroit, to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Glen Fenard and other relatives who gathered at the Fenard home. He will also visit friends in Flint before returning here.

Peter Babbitt, who has been a member of the coast guards and has been lately stationed at Deer Park station on Lake Superior, has resigned and arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben S. Babbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karnes and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cody and three children of Bay City over Christmas. Some of the party remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sales of Detroit were guests at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson over Christmas. Mr. Sales returned to Detroit Monday leaving Mrs. Sales for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen and children of Clawson and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jambert of Detroit were guests at the Adam Gierke home over Christmas, returning home Sunday afternoon. The Rasmussens also visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

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Miss Loretta McDonnell, who is attending the Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant, arrived home Friday morning for Christmas. They will leave at once for Flint where Mr. Anderson has accepted a position with the Buick Motor Company. Mr. and Mrs. Richter will arrive and take charge of their new farm early next spring.

One of the prominent pastors of a Pentecostal church and who has a personal acquaintance with Governor-elect Green by reason of having lived in Ionia four years, says of him: "Fred W. Green is likely to become one of the greatest governors Michigan has ever known." We are very glad indeed to hear this report from one who has known Mr. Green intimately.

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Don't forget the Charity Ball given at the high school gymnasium on New Year's Eve.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McCann visited over Christmas at the home of the former's parents in Charlevoix.

Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge is spending the holidays with her brother, Supt. B. E. Smith and family.

Miss Mabel Shippy enjoyed Christmas with friends in Gaylord, returning to Grayling Monday afternoon.

The L. N. L. will hold their installation of officers at their business meeting Wednesday evening, January 5. All members are requested to be present. Pot luck lunch.

See Miss Anita Thomas in a dance specialty at the Old Barn Dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Johnson.

Fred Edwards of Flint is spending the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Edwards and with other friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill of Vanderbilt were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziebell over Christmas.

Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music at the Charity Ball, Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium.

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Mrs. Herluf Soverson and daughter, Elsa Mae are in Cadillac, where they were called early last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Anderson.

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WHEN New Year Bells peal o'er the land

May they ring in for one and all

Their joyous, merry chimes

A year of glad, good times

Katherine Edd

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It is the sincere wish of this store that

the people of this community enjoy

to the fullest a most

Happy and

Prosperous

New Year

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Grayling, Michigan

Local News

WHERE YOU LIVE



Friend—Are you walking to reduce? She—No—where's that?

SPENT HIS DOLLAR



He—I'd spend my last dollar on you—and you know it.

She—Gosh! I thought you had.

CLOTHES LACKING



First College Girl—We're not going to have class pins this year.

Second Ditto—No? Why?

First Ditto—Well, you've got to have clothes to pin 'em on, haven't you?

A PEACHBLOW



Must-be a peach tree, from what's up in it.

On the same principle, it would be a nut tree if you were here."

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT



Pewee—Where do you want me to hang this portrait of your father?

Els' Wife—Don't try to lift that portrait. You'll strain your back. Father weighed two hundred and fifty pounds when he had it painted.

HE DROVE A CAR



She—Thirty days mean a month, don't they?

He—Yes—when they don't mean a tall.

Mrs. Bernice McNeven is spending the holidays in Lansing with friends. John Phelps of Ortonville arrived today to be the guest of Herman Hanson.

Henry Ahman, who is attending the U. of M., Ann Arbor, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows and family visited over Christmas with relatives in Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Anderson of Maple Forest are visiting her father, William Johnson and family.

Henry Buckholz, who is employed by the Kerry & Way company of Saginaw, visited over Christmas with his family here.

Charles DeWale, who was a patient at Grayling Mercy hospital for several weeks, was dismissed last Thursday and returned to his home in Roscommon.

James Richardson, who was home from Pontiac over Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson of South Branch, spent Sunday here a guest in the Frank Ahman home.

Miss Astrid Ahman, who is employed as bookkeeper and stenographer in the offices of Grinnell Bros. in Detroit was home over Christmas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Tonight and tomorrow night "The Son of the Sheik" featuring the beloved Rudolph Valentino will be presented at the Grayling Opera house. W. C. Fields in "So's Your Old Man" is the feature for New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and sons and Mrs. Olson's mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing—motored to Saginaw and spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lorine Douglas. While away E. J. purchased a fine new Hudson coach.

Good heating stove for sale at the Avalanche office.

FREDERIC

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldie and children of Henderson were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke on their way to Colborne, Ont., to see his mother who very ill.

Last Monday the remains of Lawrence Moran was brought here for interment from Detroit. He was the youngest brother of Mrs. Norman Fisher, also of Joseph Moran of Alba and Philip of Grayling. Rev. Cranfill delivered a good sermon, while some beautiful songs were sung by a small choir. The song "I'll be with You in the Morning," was especially beautiful.

Last Thursday morning, while Mr. and Mrs. McClain and family were at breakfast in the kitchen, they smelled smoke and opening the middle door, found the front room enveloped in flames, and had hard work to save a sick boy. Nothing was saved to amount to anything. Mr. and Mrs. McClain are hard-working, industrious people, and at this time of year should be generously helped, as they could ill afford such a loss.

Mrs. J. J. Higgins is on the sick list, being under the doctor's care.

The Christmas trees, both at the school-house and church, were very beautiful and the programs rendered were fine. Those of especial mention were Miss Lena Badger and the stringed quartette, composed of Robert Hunter, sisters Annabelle and Ruth Forbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wixson spent Sunday in Petoskey.

Clarence Armstrong was home for the holidays, accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Moore.

Miss Gertrude Lapham is spending the holidays in Saginaw.

The Florida tourists arrived safely at Melfrose and Orlando.

Dr. Saunders of Gaylord spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wixson.

Art Pledger and wife are spending the holidays with his people at Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace are visiting at Battle Creek.

Leece Ashenfelter of Grayling spent Christmas with Miss Annabelle Hunter.

Pete Rien of Blissfield spent Christmas with Max Tobin.

Charles Badger and family ate their Christmas turkey at Waters with Joe Dornimes.

Ed Barber of Chicago Heights and Elton of Flint spent Christmas at home with their mothers.

Jimmie Horton returned home to Pontiac for the holidays.

Lient. Preston of the aeroplane corps, and wife are home with the Charles Craven family.

Ethel Parsons is visiting her sister in Detroit.

Clarice Welch and Patsy McKay were at home over Christmas.

Mrs. McCracken found it necessary to have her dog shot. The only fault he had was crankiness towards children.

NED WOODMAN COMING HERE JANUARY 6TH

Wherever Ned Woodman, well-known cartoonist and entertainer, who comes here next Thursday evening on the lyceum course, presents one of his famous cheerologs, critics are unanimously enthusiastic. Here are a few typical comments on Mr. Woodman and his work:

Ned Woodman is in a class by himself, and for two hours kept the crowd in a constant state of mirth by his unique sketches. Woodman is more than an artist; he is a poet, a philosopher, a psychologist and a revelation of man to himself." — Citizen Press, Jackson, Mich.

"Too much for the money?" "Educational as well as entertaining?" "The best ever"—these, and many other comments of kindred nature express the universal favor with which the work of that most genial of cartoonists and artists, Ned Woodman, was received Thanksgiving evening. His stories were pithy, his impersonations true to life and his cartoons and caricatures characteristic.

—Truth, Churubusco, Ind. Ned Woodman is not only a cartoonist of first rank, but a fine caricaturist. His rich humor, so natural and unaffected, at once won his audience. The large audience thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the entertainment.—Register, Barker, N. Y.

CONTRASTS IN MEXICO



Transportation in Mexico.

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PERHAPS nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrast as Mexico. With a university established before John Harvard, Elmo Yule, or William and Mary were born, the masses of its people are ignorant. With a hospital founded before Jamestown was even dreamed of, it is backward in a medical way. With natural riches greater than those of a thousand Miduses, its masses are as poor as the proverbial church mouse.

Here you will see a Mexican half-breed, barefooted, wearing a dollar pair of trousers, a fifty-cent shirt, and a ten-dollar sombrero. There, at a single glance and within the length of a single city block, you may see an Indian cargador, a donkey, an ox-cart, a carriage, a railroad train, a street car, and an automobile—all in every type of locomotion since Adam.

You may tread the burning sands of a tropical desert with the wet of the perpetual snow of towering mountains still upon your shoes. You may take a single railway journey of 36 hours in which the people you see at the railroad station will be dressed in the times of Cortes the Indians still armed in cotton, which was proof against arrows.

To this day cotton is cultivated with profit in many parts of the country. In the Laguna region it is perennial and does not require to be planted often than once in ten years.

Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The parrot fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parakeets. Evidently mindful of this striking resemblance, when the parakeet is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself.

Another remarkable tree is the "Arbol de diamante" dynamite tree, whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is known as the melon zapote, or papaya. It grows wild and attains a height of as much as 25 feet. The dark-green leaves are from 20 to 30 inches long and grow at the top of an otherwise leafless trunk. The fruit would seem a cross between a cantaloupe, a pumpkin, and a watermelon. The tree begins to bear fruit when a year old, producing from 20 to 100 melons at a time, a single one of which may weigh as much as 20 pounds.

Of the total population, only about 10 per cent are white, 38 per cent are mixed, percentage, while 38 per cent still maintain their Indian blood uncorrupted.

Vast Agricultural Resources.

The agricultural possibilities of Mexico, despite its vast central desert plain, are great. It has millions of acres of the finest grazing land, great bodies of land that will produce two crops of corn a year, large areas of banana lands that can match those of Guatemala and Costa Rica, coffee lands that produce coffee not only for the "queen's-table," but used on it, rubber lands, and cocoa lands all lying accessible to good railroads and in touch with the world's markets.

Go to Yucatan, go to Cozumel, go to Chiapas, go to Vera Cruz and everywhere outside the great desert you will find a soil teeming with possibilities. And portions even of the desert land, if we may judge by what we have done with our own western alkali plains, may yet be made to blossom when the irrigation and the plant breeder join hands.

A trip along the Pan-American railroad, with its magnificent forests and great ancient estates, among them one on which the cattle still wear the brand of Cortes; over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where the tropical jungle reigns that of the Motagua river valley in Guatemala, which has been pronounced by travelers one of the riches in the world, and then on up through the great Atlantic plain of middle Mexico suggests the immense undeveloped resources of the country.

In the middle and lower altitude belts of the country the banana and the orange flourish. The excellent railroad facilities of Mexico give a good outlet to the ports at Vera Cruz and Tampico where ships are constantly loading for European and American ports. The organderies of eastern Mexico are nearer to the eastern part of the United States than are those of southern California, and crop failures among them are unknown. With the same methods of cultivation that are pursued in Florida and southern California, they should be a source of vast wealth to the country.

Although the value of the corn produced in Mexico each year is greater than that of any other product, not even exceeding gold or silver, the

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Sault Ste. Marie—Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was without light and power for some little time because of an anchor ice in the power canal. Moving picture houses and industries dependent on electric power were closed.

Jackson—The plant of the Hinckley Motors Corporation here was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin with a loss estimated at \$250,000. The building was a three-story brick structure, formerly occupied by the Mott Wheel Co.

Ironwood—Twenty-two men who did extraordinary work in the rescue of 43 miners entombed in G shaft of the Pabst Mine here several months ago, were presented with gold watches and medals by the Oliver Iron Mining Co. owners of the mine.

Harbor Springs—An outbreak of scarlet fever has developed in a few families here and a ban has been put on all public gatherings. Theatres and churches will not open for several days by order of the State Board of Health. Schools are allowed to continue.

Wyandotte—Caught in a sewer cave-in, Andrew Molnar, 45 years old, was buried in dirt up to his neck for more than two hours before his cries were heard by a passerby. Police, called by the man who discovered Molnar's plight, rescued him. He suffered from exposure and an injured back.

Cotton a Prehistoric Crop. History does not recall the time when cotton first was cultivated in Mexico. The Spaniards found it there. Indians, clothed with cotton garments were first seen by Columbus along the coast of Yucatan at the very dawn of the Sixteenth century. The Toltecs wove in their sacred books that Quetzalcoatl, god of the air, grew cotton of all colors in his garden and taught them its many uses. In the times of Cortes the Indians still wore cotton armor of cotton since Adam.

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Traverse City—While some of the older boys operated fire extinguishers to keep the flames in check, others led smaller children to safety when fire broke out in the Oak Park Grammar School here. Three hundred and seventy-five pupils and their teachers escaped from the building in perfect order. Forty-five seconds after the fire was discovered, the building had been cleared of children. Teachers were unanimous in saying that the older boys averted a panic.

Iron River—When Miss Ruth Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Burns, south of the Rio Grande, is well supplied with railroads as Mexico. Prior to the Madero revolution, it had 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroads. Now about 18,000 miles are in operation. At six different points across the frontier from the United States and Laredo, Eagle Pass and El Paso gateways, handled much traffic to and from Mexico. Mexican railroads carried 11,000,000 passengers annually at that time, and handled about 11,000,000 tons of freight. Their total revenues amounted to about \$40,000,000.

Rich in Minerals. Humboldt once pronounced Mexico "the treasure-house of the world." It produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$158,000,000 in 1910, but the output dropped after the fall of Diaz. With the exception of Campeche, Tabasco and Yucatan, every state in the Mexican republic possesses mines, of which there are 21,000, covering 633,000 acres of mineral lands.

They gave employment at one time to half a million men. Yet probably less than one-fourth of the mineral possibilities of the republic have been exploited. Prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, upward of 5,000 miners were employed at one time. This drain will serve as an outlet for the water in flooded areas.

Detroit—Physical violence came near supplanting judicial calmness in Justice L. Eugene Sharp's court, when Melba Ruben, a woman attorney, threatened to smash his honor's face, after she said the justice had squared off with the apparent intention of striking her husband, who is also an attorney. As a result of the fracas, Ruben and her wife were cited for contempt and remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Rather than serve 30 days in jail, the couple apologized and were released.

Monroe—Members of Monroe Lodge No. 27 F. & A. M. held a banquet here recently at the Masonic temple in accord with a bequest of Colonel Ira G. Humphrey, for 45 years a member of the order, a former lawyer of Detroit, and Monroe, who died here May 23, 1924. The banquet was served by the stewards of the lodge in strict accordance with the will of Colonel Humphrey, made July 5, 1922, which provided that the Hudson River palladium,

which was to be given to the lodge, was to be sold and the proceeds used for the benefit of the Masonic temple. The proceeds were used to pay for the expenses of the banquet.

Lansing—"King" Benjamin Purcell, of the House of David, rewarded his captor with another trophy. Detective Herman W. Kays, of the State Police, received a gold pin with a moon stone setting. An accompanying letter signed "House of David, per E. M." said: "This pin is one that was especially prized by Benjamin and was one of his special likes." When the cult leader was being taken to jail immediately after his capture he unitied a yellow bit of ribbon from his long gray hair and gave it to Kays, promising another souvenir later.

TWO FARM MEASURES OFFERED IN SENATE

McNary and Harrison Propose Submissions—Hearings Next Month.

Washington—Seeking to link the South with the West in a unified demand for farm relief by legislation, Representative Fulmer, Democrat of South Carolina, introduced a new agricultural measure in the house.

Detroit—Henry Ford's fortune is two billion dollars based on the earning capacity of his huge automobile interests. At present, with his son, Edsel, he carries a cash balance in Detroit which varies somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000. A prominent Detroit statistician is authority for the first statement.

Lansing—The State Highway Department, according to B. C. Tinney, maintenance engineer, plans to keep a total of 5,704 miles of trunk line highway cleared of snow this winter. This includes 4,571 miles in the Lower Peninsula and 953 miles in the Upper Peninsula. The total distance kept open last winter was 4,061 miles and the cost of it averaged \$4 per mile.

Ann Arbor—The annual All-American game of Grandland Rice and Walter Eckerson, both nationally known football authorities, have been announced, and the two are in agreement on the 11 best players in America for 1926.